

Minutes: Leesburg Tree Commission June 17, 2002

The Leesburg Tree Commission met on Monday, June 17, 2002 at 7:30 p.m. in the lower level meeting room at 25 West Market Street, Leesburg, VA. Staff present for the meeting was Jay Banks.

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Vice Chair Hower
Commissioner Groothuis
Commissioner Pritchard
Commissioner Goolsby
Commissioner Hicks
Commissioner Peterson
Commissioner Zoldos

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Goolsby made a motion to approve the minutes of May 20, 2002.

Motion: Goolsby
Second: Pritchard
Carried: 5-0

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ms. Evans from the VA Department of Forestry brought in brochures for a workshop at the end of July called Quality Hard Wood/Quality Water.

OLD AND NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Banks commented on the Commissioner's handbook. Mr. Banks stated that any comments that the Tree Commission has about the handbook he would forward them to Debi Perry.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS:

Commissioner Zoldos stated that he has an organizational meeting with the new Mayor and new Council members on July 1st. Zoldos also stated that the Balch Library would plant two trees in Susan Farmer's memory.

Commissioner Peterson talked about the recent forest fires in the west and a Federal Bill update.

Commissioner Pritchard talked about the letter that was sent to try and centralize maintenance of all the trees in the Town but the request was turned down by the Town Manager.

Commissioner Hicks commented about exploring a Building with Trees workshop that they had talked about in the spring to get a builder on board to work with the environment instead of every tree being removed before they start building.

Commissioner Goolsby stated that he had a citizen ask what kind of advice the Tree Commission would give them about planting trees in a certain area.

Commissioner Groothuis stated that one of the volunteer fire fighters let him know that one of the trees at the fire station was lost in a thunderstorm.

Commissioner Hower commented about the Media session that he attended on June 7th & 12th at the Town of Leesburg. Commissioner Hower also stated that he was in contact with Spence Jones who planted 30 trees at Ida Lee last fall; He is having his Eagle Scout ceremony in September and wanted to know what commission member would like to attend.

STAFF COMMENTS:

Mr. Banks commented about the budget that he handed out to the Tree Commission. Mr. Banks also gave an update about the dogwoods on the by-pass.

Commissioner Peterson made a motion that the Tree Commission write a memo to the Mayor, Town Council and the Town Manager recommending that the Town consider replacing the dead dogwood trees with other kinds of trees.

Motion: Peterson
Second: Pritchard
Carried: 7-0

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Hower made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion: Hower
Second: Groothuis
Carried: 7-0

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Jay S. Banks, Urban Forester